

# BUSINESS CONDITIONS BETTER IN TWELFTH FEDERAL DISTRICT

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 25.—Crop conditions on the whole continue to be unusually favorable in this district, except in Southern California, where more rain is needed. Deciduous fruit trees have commenced to bloom in practically every section and have escaped serious damage from frosts except in Washington and Oregon, where some injury was done during the first week in April.

Wheat sown in the fall has wintered well. Apparently as a result of the government's guarantee of the price, the acreage of winter wheat in this district is considerably greater than that of last year. It is estimated that in Washington approximately 1,000,000 acres were sown this season, as against 400,000 acres in 1917-18 and 400,000 acres in 1916-17, and in Idaho approximately 320,000 acres, as compared with 250,000 last year. Reports from Oregon indicate that 320,000 acres were planted in 1918, an increase of 162,000 acres over last season's total. In California there is an estimated acreage of 829,000 as compared with 560,000 last season. The United States Bureau of Crop Estimates reports the condition of winter wheat in the states of this district on April 1, 1919 and 1918, in percentages of normal as follows:

	1919	1918
Arizona	97	92
California	100	83
Idaho	98	97
Nevada	97	100
Oregon	98	97
Utah	96	90
Washington	97	93

## Weather Improved

During the past 30 days, weather and soil conditions have facilitated the seeding of spring wheat and a considerable acreage has been sown, particularly in the Pacific Northwest. Barley and oats are making a favorable growth. The planting of rice and sugar beets in California is now well advanced, while the planting of beans has been retarded by lack of moisture in Southern California. Cotton planting in Arizona and California is now progressing favorably, although somewhat delayed by stormy weather in March.

## Stock Ranges Improved

Cattle and sheep are in exceptionally good condition, and feed on the ranges is plentiful. The lambing season is practically over, and the increase in the flocks has been satisfactory. Shearing has commenced. Manufacturing and industry are fair, but increased activity is expected, due to improved labor conditions. On April 1, 6000 machinists and boiler-makers, shipyard employees of the San Francisco Bay district, who had been on strike for over two months, returned to work. This enabled 4000 additional employees to resume work that had been suspended on account of the strike. All shipyard strikes on the Pacific coast have now been settled, and the shipyards building steel vessels are resuming full activity.

## Fewer Idle Men

During the past month the number of unemployed throughout the district has been greatly reduced. It is reported that in California there is now a surplus of 12,000 workmen, as compared with 10,000 a month ago. Of these, 4500 are in San Francisco, 7000 in Los Angeles and vicinity, and 400 in Oakland. They include 7500 unskilled laborers, 1400 agricultural workers, 800 unskilled shipworkers, and 885 clerks. In Oregon there is an estimated surplus of 1955, against 885 on March 1st, of which 1455 are skilled and 2500 unskilled or semi-skilled. There is, however, in that state a shortage of farm hands numbering about 250. In Washington the unemployed number 7000 and include many skilled and semi-skilled workers formerly employed in the shipyards building wooden ships. This is a decrease of

# ALLAY WRATH OF SHARK GOD

(By Associated Press)

HONOLULU, April 28.—Because they believed construction of the gigantic dry dock at the Pearl Harbor naval station had destroyed its home, a number of natives recently offered sacrifice of a pig and a chicken to the "shark god," one of the ancient Hawaiian deities.

When, a number of years ago, hydrostatic pressure wrecked the floor of the dry dock when work was first started, many native Hawaiians declared it was a manifestation of the wrath of the shark god, which had been driven from its home, and with the huge basin of concrete now nearing completion it was decided to avert another mishap by making a sacrifice to appease the anger of the evicted "god."

The slaughtered pig and chicken were supposed to have been thrown to the sharks of Pearl Harbor but rumor persists that they were rescued and served at a luau (native feast).

## ARMY TO GET TALKS IN THRIFT CAMPAIGN

To teach thrift through subscriptions to the Victory Loan and War Savings Stamps, three lectures on wise buying will be delivered to 1500,000 soldiers now in the service. The talks will be made under the approval of Brigadier General Edward L. Munson, General Staff, U. S. A., and will be given under the direction of the Y. M. C. A.

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3000 from the total reported last month. With offers of wages ranging from \$65 to \$75 per month and board and lodging, there is an estimated shortage of from 800 to 1000 farm laborers in Washington. In Utah labor conditions have improved, but there is still a surplus of 5000. Estimates from Arizona place the total number of unemployed at 4000, mostly miners. Idaho reports a shortage of agricultural workers and an unemployed, except a few miners. In Nevada a small surplus is noted.

## Retail Trade Better

Reports from a selected group of department stores and wholesale dry goods firms in many of the largest cities of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District indicate that retail trade is exceedingly active, but that wholesale sales are experiencing some difficulty in disposing of their stocks. This situation is said to be the result of a desire on the part of retailers to liquidate their stocks and to buy for present needs only. Several retail firms state that their buying power has remained unchanged during the past two months, others report greater confidence in making future commitments which are for periods ranging in length from two to six months, and some are placing orders for fall delivery, although not so great a volume as normally. Prices since November have had a

# TO PAPER 800 ACRES OF SUGAR PLANTATION

(By Associated Press)

HONOLULU, April 28.—As a result of experiments conducted for three years, a large sugar plantation on the island of Hawaii is preparing to "paper" 8000 acres of its sugar cane land, much like a paperhanger covers the walls of a room.

To supply material, a paper mill has been erected at a cost of more than \$250,000, manufacturing heavy mulching paper from bagasse, the dry, fibrous refuse of sugar cane after the juices have been expressed. The paper is prepared for use in the fields by being saturated with liquid asphalt.

The plan is to cover the fields with the mulching paper. The sturdy sugar cane drives its stalks through the paper but all weeds are smothered. C. F. Eckart, manager of the plantation, says the mulching process not only will greatly increase the yield of cane but will reduce field labor costs more than 50 per cent. The covering paper not only keeps the weeds out of the cane but retains moisture in the ground for its nourishment.

The paper mill will take only 20

# JUAREZ RACING MAY START SOON

(By Associated Press)

JUAREZ, Mexico, April 26.—Racing probably will be resumed at the Juarez jockey club plant near here next winter, it was announced by the local representatives of the Jockey Club Juarez, which is owned by an American syndicate of horsemen. The resumption of normal conditions in northern Mexico, coupled with the fact that saloons may be operated here is expected to assure the reopening of the Juarez track which has been closed for two years. The double attraction of racing and open saloons is expected to attract crowds of tourists from the United States, the local officials say and they are already agitating the erection of a large, modern tourist hotel here.

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# SIX MILLION IN PELTS PUT UP AT AUCTION

(By Associated Press)

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 28.—More than 6,000,000 pelts, valued at approximately \$10,000,000, will be auctioned at the International Fur Exchange in the next two weeks.

A feature will be the disposal of 10,000 dressed, dyed and machined Alaska sealskins for the United States government. There also will be 1500 silver fox and 3300 Russian sables for sale. Pelts from every fur-producing country in the world will be offered, the largest lots being 900,000 moles and 880,000 muskrats, the smallest two sea otter and 28 polar bear pelts.

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## Exposition in 1926.

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## And, Palindromes.

When asked by a friend if he had any coal, Rogers gave a reply that is the same spelled backwards or forwards: "Not a ton, Bob, not a ton." —Boston Transcript.

# Goldfield Hotel

Ample accommodations to take care of the crowd. Stage leaves Goldfield Hotel at 8:30 a. m., 1:30 and 5:30 p. m. Returning, leaves Tonopah at 8:30 a. m. and 1:30 and 5:30 p. m.

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## OH LORD! HIT US ALL!

Former Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo is telling this story to get buyers for the Victory Liberty Loan.

"A pastor in a New Jersey village," he said, "devoted a half hour one prayer meeting night to a loan appeal. His appeal was forcible. It even touched the rich old deacon, who hadn't subscribed to the loan hitherto on the ground that he could get a better rate of interest elsewhere."

"I'll take \$500," announced the deacon solemnly from his pew.

"Then," as he sat down, a piece of plaster fell from the ceiling, striking him a pretty hard blow on the head. He rose again hurriedly. He had a scared, awed look.

"I mean \$500," he said.

"Then Brother Jimmy Conner shouted lustily from the amen corner:

"Oh, Lord, hit him again!"

The United States supreme court has decided that a jewsharp is a musical instrument.

# NEW FIELD GUN OF THE BRITISH

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, April 28.—A British field gun, which was tested to some extent during the closing stages of the war, has now been perfected to such a point that it is said to be considered the best of its kind in the world. It is claimed that the new gun will fire the 18½ pound shell used in the ordinary quick-firer a greater distance and with more rapidity than has ever been attained before. The range increase is said to be more than 3000 yards over the old field gun and the new weapon can discharge 28 rounds a minute.

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